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Corrigendum

Paragraph 9 should read

9. The application of these mechanisms, together with timely action by the Office of the High Representative against police officials outside the purview of UNMIBH (such as Ministers and administrative staff), are essential tools to improve police performance. In February 2001, the Bratunac Police Chief and Chief Criminal Investigator were "de-authorized" and several police received non-compliance reports after repeated failures to adequately respond to serious crimes against Bosniac returnees. Following mob violence in Mostar and Grude during a search of the Herzegovacka Bank on 6 April, six police chiefs were "de-authorized" for signing a statement renouncing the authority of the Federation. The Croat Minister of Interior and three senior administrative officials were ultimately also removed by the High Representative. Police failure to maintain public order during stone laying ceremonies for new mosques in Trebinje and Banja Luka in early May resulted in the removal of the Trebinje Public Security Centre Chief and the issuance of a non-compliance report to the town's Chief of Crime Investigation. In Banja Luka, five police officers were suspended, the government accepted the resignations of the Minister of Interior and the Chief of the Public Security Centre and, regrettably, dismissed the dedicated Deputy Minister of Interior, without whose intervention security arrangements would have been even more ineffective. UNMIBH is monitoring local police investigations to prepare for criminal prosecution of the perpetrators of the violence, particularly since serious charges are expected after the tragic death of one Bosniac as a result of injuries sustained during the violent demonstration in Banja Luka.

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